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April 14, 2006

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Rino Rappuoli, et al.
Confirmation No.: 7180
U.S. Application Serial No. 10/527,672
International Filing Date: September 15, 2003
Priority Date: September 13, 2002
For: GROUP B STREPTOCOCCUS VACCINE

**PETITION FOR A FIVE MONTH EXTENSION OF
TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

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Sir:

Applicant herewith requests a five-month extension of time to respond to the Notice of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)" mailed September 14, 2005.

The check for the extension fee is in the amount of \$2,160.00.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 03-1664.

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